

THYSSEN STEEL AUTOMOTIVE EXCLUSION REQUEST

ATTACHMENT 2 COLD ROLLED TRIP STEEL (NEW PRODUCT)

- (a) The designation of the product under a recognized standard or certification (e.g., ASTM, DIN), or the commercial name for the product and the HTS number under which the product enters the United States.

The merchandise subject to this request is known as cold rolled trip steel with mainly ferritic-bainitic matrix with dispersed residual austenite islands. This is an special cold rolled product used to manufacture automotive products.

The applicable HTS provisions are: 7209.15.0000, 7209.16.0060, 7209.17.0060, 7209.18.1560, 7225.50.6000 and 7225.50.8085.

- (b) A description of the product based on physical characteristics (e.g. chemical composition, metallurgical properties, dimensions, surface quality) so as to distinguish the products from products for which exclusion is not sought;

The product described above has the following properties:

Characterized by either (i) tensile strength over 600 Mpa and an elongation percentage over 26% for thicknesses up to 1.5 mm, or (ii) with a tensile strength over 700 Mpa and an elongation percentage over 24% for thicknesses up to 2.0 mm, or (iii) with a tensile strength over 800 Mpa and an elongation percentage over 22% for thicknesses up to 1.5 mm.

- (c) The basis for requesting an exclusion;

This is a new product, domestic availability is very limited.

- (d) The names and locations of any producers, in the United States and foreign countries of the product;

Minimal production by Inland Steel.

- (e) Total U.S. Consumption of the product, if any, by quantity and value for each year from 1996 to 2000, and the projected annual consumption for each year from 2001 to 2005, with a basis for the projection;

New product, very low.

- (f) Total US production of the product for each year from 1996 to 2000, if any;

Minimal.

- (g) The identity of any US produced substitute for the product, total US production of the substitute for each year from 1996 to 2000, and the names of any US producers of the substitute;

None.

CONCLUSION

We understand that the purpose of the USTR investigation is to determine appropriate remedies for the importation of certain steel products, which are produced by the domestic industry. We believe that US production of this product is insignificant to the health of the domestic industry. Accordingly, we respectfully request that trip steel be excluded from any import restrictions, and that the language of any remedy order for HTS subheadings 7209.15.0000, 7209.16.0060, 7209.17.0060, 7209.18.1560, 7225.50.6000 and 7225.50.80.85 clearly exclude this product.